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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 8
Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

1. At its 13th meeting, on 24 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 8)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Overall support was expressed for the activities undertaken by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in mobilizing and coordinating international support for the programme. The view was expressed that the proposed biennial programme plan for the programme was well presented. It was also indicated that international resources would be necessary for implementation of the Brussels and the Almaty Programmes of Action and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

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4. Emphasis was given to the evaluation of the impact of the programme, the reporting on the status of the implementation of the three programmes of action, the inter-agency partnership and coordination, and the participation of countries concerned in formulating the programme.

5. Concern was expressed that the proposed biennial programme plan for the programme was very general in nature. It was suggested that specific areas of development such as agriculture, energy and trade, might be included. Concern was also expressed on the status of implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action. Clarification was sought on how the international commitments to support least developed countries could be ensured. It was suggested that the objective of subprogramme 1 could be applied to the other two subprogrammes.

6. Regarding subprogramme 3, it was stressed that there was a need to enhance partnership in support for the small island developing States. The Office was encouraged to promote awareness about those States through the use of information technology and United Nations websites and publications.

7. Further refinements to some indicators of achievement would be welcome.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee stressed the importance of programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, and expressed support for the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States in coordinating and mobilizing international support and enhancing inter-agency collaboration for the programme.**

9. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed biennial programme plan.**